

**NAVAL AIR STATION (NAS) ALAMEDA
RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**Building 1, Suite #140, Community Conference Room
Alameda Point
Alameda, California**

Tuesday, 5 December 2000

Purpose: 1) Approval of last month's meeting minutes, 2) Co-Chair Announcements, 3) RAB Membership, 4) FY 01 Budget Overview, 5) Project Teams-Round the Table, 6) Community and RAB Comment Period.

These minutes summarize the items discussed during the RAB meeting. This is not a verbatim transcript. Attachment A provides the attendance list.

I. Approval of Minutes

The November RAB meeting minutes were approved as written.

II. Co-Chair Announcements

Ms. Sutter passed out two Remedial Investigation Reports dated 4 December 2000. She also made mention of receiving the Storm Sewer Study Report dated 4 December 2000. Ms. Sutter also passed around a letter from Patrick Lynch regarding the chlordan release. Ms. Sutter then passed out a summary of the year 2000.

Mike McClelland announced the IR-2 draft document is available for review and comment. He noted that all comments on the document are due on 8 March 2001. A presentation on the report will be done in the February RAB meeting.

Mr. McClelland stated that the Navy, the Navy's attorneys, and the EPA had a conference call on 4 December 2000 regarding the Federal Facility Agreement (FFA). All issues except two were resolved. The two unresolved issues had to be researched by the EPA. The final draft should be complete and ready for signature on 8 December 2000.

Mr. McClelland discussed the Site Management Plan (SMP) that was included in the mailing. He stated that it represents the draft schedule for everything from investigation to cleanup. The SMP must be finalized within 30 days after the signing of the FFA between the Navy and the EPA. Once the document is signed, the current year schedules are enforceable. In May or June, negotiations begin for the following fiscal year's budget, which starts in October.

Mr. McClelland noted that Mary Rose Cassa noticed the BCT Update was not included in the agenda and wanted to make some comments regarding that. Ms. Cassa stated that she wanted to update the RAB on the reinvigoration of the radiological program. The committee met all day on 15 November 2000. The four main radiological sites (Building 400, Site 1 and Site 2) were reviewed. The committee met again on 28 November 2000 to review and discuss some

unresolved comments on documents pertaining to the Site 1 landfill. That meeting included a discussion towards agreement on the scope of the historic documentation that has not been fully incorporated into the site characterization. She also noted that there would be a meeting with the Department of Health Services (DHS) to address the concept of licensing as it pertains to Site 1. The meeting will also include the resolution of discussions on risk assessment.

Ms. Sutter announced that Donna Kokobaun of the Golden Gate Audubon Society obtained a grant and will be helping in the review of IR Site 2.

Mr. McClelland talked about information regarding the Marsh Crust RAP Record of Decision (ROD). In discussions with the DTSC, it was decided to omit the groundwater portion for the Alameda Annex from that document. There will potentially be more sampling in the Annex groundwater with regards to the benzene issue. There will be a separate ROD for Site 25. The goal is to have the Marsh Crust RAP ROD configured by 20 December 2000.

III. RAB Membership

Lyn Stirewalt began the election for Clem Burnap who was introduced in last month's meeting. Mr. Burnap is a retired civil engineer. James Leach moved that Mr. Burnap's nomination be accepted. Bert Morgan seconded the motion. Mr. Burnap was successfully elected as a member of the RAB.

IV. FY 01 Budget Review

Mr. McClelland presented an overview for the budget for fiscal year 2001. The Navy allotted \$38,738,000 for investigation and cleanup of Alameda Point. Of this amount, the Navy is working toward awarding \$22 million in the first quarter.

Mr. McClelland continued that all of the work being done at Alameda Point is not being funded out of the FY01 budget. For example, the remedial investigation and the feasibility study through the ROD for most sites are already awarded. Additional money will fund items such as the RI/FS sampling, which includes data gap sampling. Mr. McClelland discussed the individual line items and asked for questions.

Ms. Sutter asked whether or not all items in the handout would be completed in 2001. Mr. McClelland responded in the negative. He continued that everything will be initiated in 2001, but not necessarily completed. He stated that some items might take up to 18 months to complete.

Ms. Sutter asked if the money would be appropriated by January 1st only. Mr. McClelland stated that the money has already been appropriated and that the "18-month clock" begins when money is awarded. Mr. McClelland continued that 18 months is not a hard and fast number. Because of the work taking place at Hunters Point and Mare Island, money may be taken from the budget for Alameda Point. The goal is to get the funding for Alameda Point obligated and spent quickly. It is the hope to have the \$38 million awarded by March 2001.

Mr. Torrey asked if there would be testing for lead-based paints done in the water tanks. Mr. Edde responded that the water tanks are operational for fire suppression only in some of the

hangar spaces, but not for drinking water. Mr. McClelland added that lead-based paint is on the outside, but he is not sure of how they are protected inside.

Diane Behm asked if the entire \$38 million had to be used in 2001. Mr. McClelland responded that all of the money must be obligated in 2001.

Ms. Behm asked if \$38 million was enough to complete the project. Mr. McClelland responded that it was enough for the nine items listed on the handout. Mr. McClelland continued by stating that most sites are already funded through the ROD.

Ms. Behm asked if some of the items on the list are funded already. Mr. McClelland answered in the affirmative.

Ms. Behm suggested that there be some sort of marking on the SMP as to what items are already funded. Mr. McClelland stated that the SMP could not be marked in that way as it is a legal document. Phillip Ramsey suggested that when contracts are awarded a separate table should be made so that it is noted which items are funded. Brad Job commented that petroleum information is not on the SMP, but it should be present in the Corrective Action Plan (CAP).

Ms. Sutter asked what the difference is between deadlines deadlines, secondary documents, milestone dates, and target dates. Ms. Cassa responded that the CERCLA process calls for primary documents and secondary documents. Primary documents have deadlines called milestone dates. Documents that feed into the primary documents are called secondary documents, which are identified with target dates. Secondary documents have dates that cannot be enforced. Primary documents are the remedial investigation report, feasibility study, proposed plan and ROD. Mr. McClelland added that the deadlines in the SMP are the enforceable schedule dates and those are within the current fiscal year.

Jo-Lynne Lee asked if the section that stated "commence removal action at Site 14" meant that it referred to a secondary document. Mr. McClelland responded that it is an action rather than a document. Mr. Job continued by stating that it is a critical path item. Ms. Lee asked if a critical path chart were drawn, how would the secondary document be connected. Mr. Job responded that everything goes to the RI/FS as the first set of primary documents.

Mr. McClelland continued that the FFA should be signed by January 2001. Within 30 days the SMP must be finalized and will become an enforceable schedule. Forty-five days after the Navy and EPA sign, the FFA goes into 30 days of public review.

Mr. Job asked what happens if items are not completed in the 18-month window. Mr. McClelland responded that the money does not expire.

Ms. Sutter asked what happens if the money is used but the job is not complete. Mr. McClelland stated that additional money could be requested.

Mr. deHaan asked about Hunters Point becoming a priority and siphoning money from Alameda Point. Mr. McClelland answered that could be a possibility, but the best way to solve it is to execute the contracts that are awarded and start working. Mr. McClelland stated that by the end of December the goal is to award \$22 million worth of the budget.

Mr. Job added that Mare Island has the \$40 million they have committed to give the City of Vallejo. At Hunters Point, the Navy asked large environmental engineering companies to supply them with estimates on the costs to remediate the entire base.

Ms. Sutter noted that she has learned that Hunters Point RAB was very active in the decisions that were made. Mr. Job added that the Hunters Point RAB meetings have more community members at their meetings. Ken Kloc added that another example of RABs becoming active in their funding process is the Mare Island RAB. The Community Co-Chair went to Washington, DC to speak with the people in the Department of Defense (DoD) about the Mare Island project.

Ms. Stirewalt asked if the budget cycle was not being followed because of the possibility of not receiving funds. Mr. McClelland responded that budget cycles are a two-year process. The requests are made and they go to the Naval Facility Engineering Command in Washington, DC. The Naval Facility Engineering Command takes request funding and allocates it to the various activities. In the past several years, California received the majority of funding because there are so many large bases, particularly in the Bay Area. The major action for the Navy is getting the property transferred.

Ms. Stirewalt asked if rotating cash allocation is not an issue, would the Navy be able to use same amount again the following year if funding was needed. Mr. McClelland stated that he wasn't sure.

Ms. Sutter asked if the things done at Alameda Point would be done under emergency removal actions or standard removal actions. She continued by stating that the handouts do not show remediation taking place until 2004 and 2005.

Ms. Lee suggested that it would be clearer to see what has been spent and how much is needed. Ms. Sutter asked Mr. McClelland if it would be advisable for a group of people to create a document that answered those questions. Mr. McClelland stated that he had put one of those documents together before at Hunters Point and it is a formidable undertaking. Mr. Edde noted that it is hard to match dollar amounts with actions because of overlapping years and spending procedures. Mr. Edde suggested obtaining the annual report that goes to the US Congress each year for the information.

Mr. McClelland asked Mr. Edde if the cost to complete remediation at Alameda Point was about \$149 million. Mr. Edde responded in the affirmative. Mr. Edde added that four new IR sites were added, and that adds to the budget.

Ms. Sutter asked when the annual report that goes to Congress is due. Mr. McClelland stated that the report for FY01 is being completed at present. Ms. Sutter asked when the report was available to the public. Mr. McClelland responded that it is probably available closer to mid-year. Ms. Sutter asked if she could receive the report by e-mail. Mr. McClelland responded that he could get a hard copy.

VI. Project Teams, Round the Table

Mr. Kloc presented a report from the OU-1 Remedial Investigation Focus Group. He reminded the RAB that he submitted a handout in the last mailing. He announced that he had accepted a position at Golden Gate University and that he would be moving to provide environmental

assistance to the Golden Gate University Environmental and Legal Justice Clinic in the law school. Mr. Kloc stated that Arc Ecology is looking for a replacement by January.

Mr. Kloc also stated that he wrote e-mail regarding the Marina Village Housing, which was based on some studies he completed in the last few months. He wanted to know if his information was helpful to the BCT. Mr. McClelland stated that the information has brought about some additional investigation.

Mr. Kloc stated that the e-mail pointed out that Parcel 178 (Marina Village Housing) had once been a part of the FISC Annex, which was a warehouse industrial area. In the late 1980s, the Navy converted it to the Marina Village Housing. Prior to that housing project the Navy carried out several studies of soil, gas and groundwater in order to prepare for building the housing there. Contaminated groundwater, soil, and gas were found and a vapor barrier was put up. After the housing was built, air samples were taken from some of the houses and there were high levels of chemicals similar to that found in the groundwater. Therefore, Parcel 178 should be defined as an area of concern for Alameda Point. Mr. Kloc continued that another point in his e-mail was that at the time the housing was going to be built, the Agency for Toxic Substance and Disease Registry (ATSDR) also had some concerns and wrote recommendations regarding continued sampling of the housing.

Ms. Cassa asked if plastic sheeting was placed underneath the houses only. Mr. Job responded that he understood the plastic sheeting to be underneath the slab only. Mr. McClelland said that the Navy was attempting to protect the residents in the building from potential vapors.

Ms. Lee asked what additional sampling would be done in the Parcel 178 area. Mr. McClelland responded that the Navy is going to investigate Site 25, the Marsh Crust Annex and Marina Village, Which was never an IR site.

Ms. Lee asked what kind of document would be yielded from these investigations. Mr. McClelland responded that there would be a RAP/ROD for groundwater at the Alameda Annex, a RAP/ ROD for the Marsh Crust and a ROD for Site 25 soil and groundwater. Since the Navy is looking at potentially one plume, it may make sense to have groundwater Record of Decision or RAP/ROD that covers the entire area.

Ms. Lee asked if the sampling was apart of the budget. Mr. McClelland responded in the affirmative. He noted that it is in the OU-5 schedule. Ms. Cassa noted that it was line two on the budget.

Ms. Lee reported on behalf of the EBS Focus Group. She stated that the final report would be delayed, partly because of additional funds being needed to complete it. It should be complete in March.

VII. Community & RAB Comment Period

Patrick Lynch stated that he compared the OU Schedule for 2001 with the OU Schedule of 1997. He noticed that the ROD for OU-1 was originally scheduled for completion in October of 1998, but the current schedule shows it to be complete in October of 2003. He stated that environmental and health impacts are the consequence of constant delays. He opined that the most striking

reality is that in the twenty years since the investigations have been started, the results have been largely invalidated by illegal disposal and by spills that continue to happen at the sites. Mr. Lynch continued that most of the current data that is available from past remedial investigations is not valid. There are subsequent spills and releases much like the chlordane incident that have gone unreported illegally. He stated that the Navy must come forward with the information about the spills that has not been disclosed to the public. He stated his displeasure with the schedule. He opined that progress should be more immediate.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

The next RAB meeting is Tuesday, January 2, 2001.



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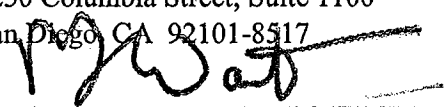
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